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re U.S. Application Applicant: Shkolnikov et al. Serial No.: 10/774,269 I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as FIRST-CLASS mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Conf. No.: 8668 Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date. Filed: February 6, 2004 Attorney for Applicant(s) Registration No. 31,497 For: SHOCK-ABSORBING SYSTEM FOR FASTENER **DRIVING TOOLS** Art Unit: 3721 Examiner: Truong, Thanh K.

AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

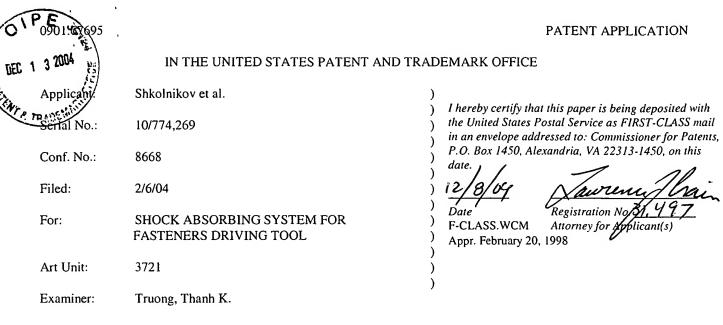
This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on September 8, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the abstract begin on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.



Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee	
Total Claims	20		20	=		х	\$ 18.00	=	\$	0
Independent Claims	2		3	_ =		х	\$ 88.00	=	\$	0
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims							\$300.00	=	\$	0
Total Additional Fee								\$	0	
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)								\$		

- (X) Amendment \underline{A} .
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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